



Thanks to "Knights of the Zodiac" becoming animated, my workload other than manga has started increasing as well. For the 3rd "Knights of the Zodiac" album, I was actually asked to write the lyrics. That I accepted with such a carefree attitude was a big mistake. I writhed and rolled in agony over my own ignorance of "words," and my lack of poetic soul. To create Heine-like poems that sing of love, is for this Kurumada absolutely... impossible.

[NOTE: Kurumada is referring to 19th century German poet Heinrich Heine, who is regarded as one of the greatest lyric poets to have ever lived.]

Kurumada Masami-1987



Masami Kurumada made his manga debut back in 1974 with Sukeban Arashi (Delinquent Storm), which was a story of the life of a teenage girl. His first big hit came in 1977 with the popular title Ring ni Kakero (Put it all in the Ring). In 1986, he truly hit it big when he created Saint Seiya (Knights of the Zodiac), which was first serialized in Weekly Shonen Jump magazine, then went to span 28 volumes, 114 TV episodes, four movies, and a video game!

KNIGHTS OF THE ZODIAC (SAINT SEIYA) Vol. 4 The SHONEN JUMP Graphic Novel Edition

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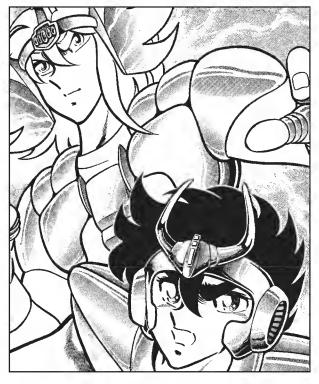
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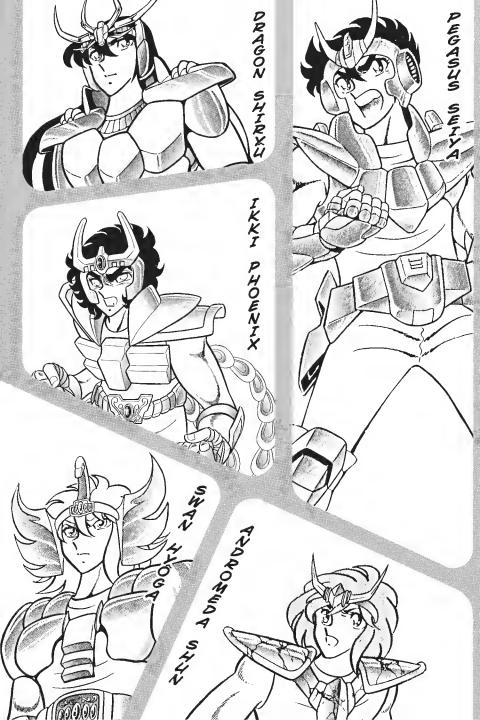


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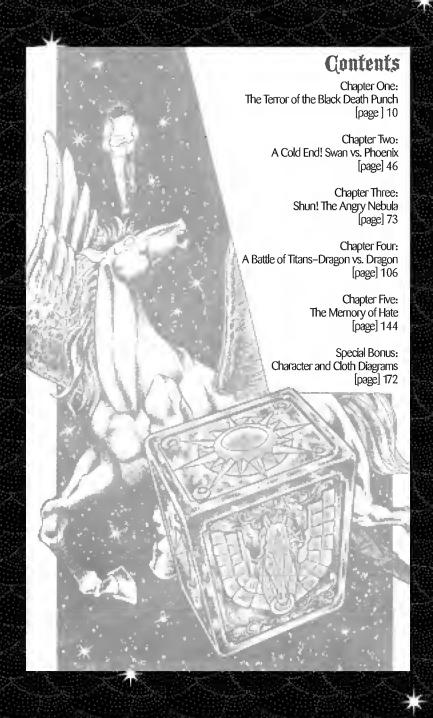


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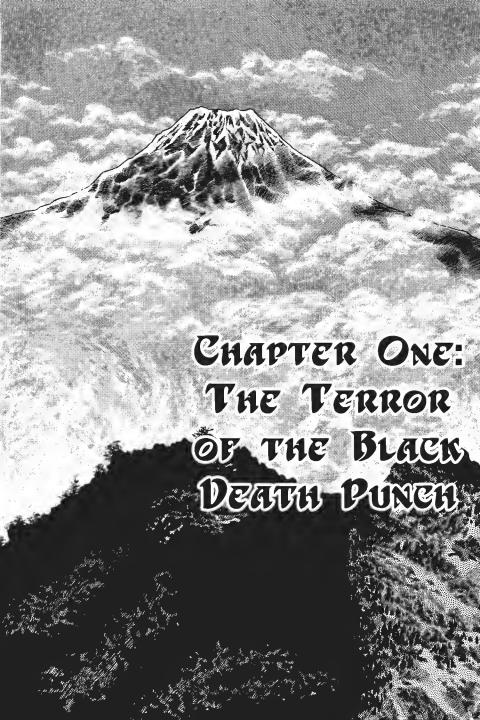
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LEGENDS SPEAK OF ATHENA'S KNIGHTS, YOUNG MEN OF GREAT STRENGTH AND SPIRIT DEVOTED TO DEFENDING THE GODDESS ATHENA. FOLLOWING THEIR TRADITION, LORD NOBU OF THE GRANDE FOUNDATION SENT 100 ORPHANS TO FACILITIES AROUND THE WORLD TO TRAIN AS KNIGHTS. NOW THESE BOYS ARE YOUNG MEN, AND NOBU'S GRANDDAUGHTER, PRINCESS SIENNA, HAS DECLARED A TOURNAMENT TO TEST THEIR METTLE. THE VICTOR WILL RECEIVE THE PRICELESS GOLD CLOTH, THE KNIGHTS' HIGHEST BADGE OF HONOR.

THE TOURNAMENT EXPLODES INTO CHAOS WHEN THE GOLD CLOTH IS STOLEN BY THE MYSTERIOUS IKKI AND HIS BLACK KNIGHTS. TO RETRIEVE THE CLOTH, THE FOUR BRONZE KNIGHTS MUST DEFEAT EACH OF THE BLACK KNIGHTS, WHO ARE THEIR OWN DARK MIRRORS. AND FOR ONE OF THE BRONZE KNIGHTS, SHUN, THIS BATTLE IS PERSONAL: THE POWER-HUNGRY IKKI IS HIS OWN BELOVED, LONG-LOST BROTHER! THE BRONZE KNIGHTS TRACK THE BLACK KNIGHTS TO MOUNT FUJI, WHERE THEY FIND A LABYRINTH OF CAVES...





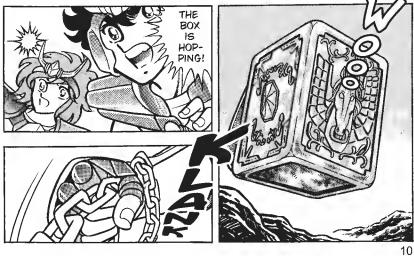
















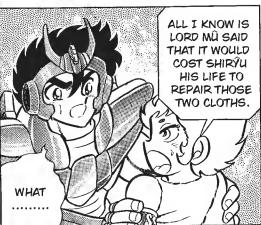






































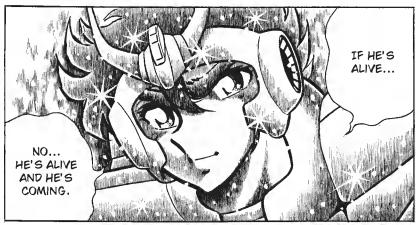








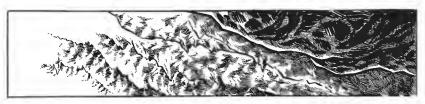






































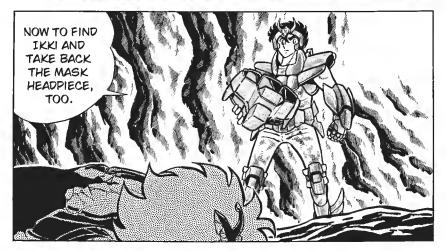






















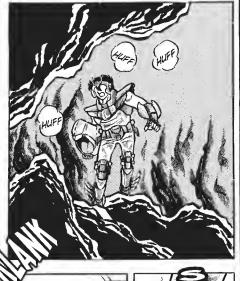




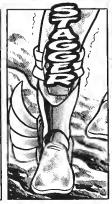
















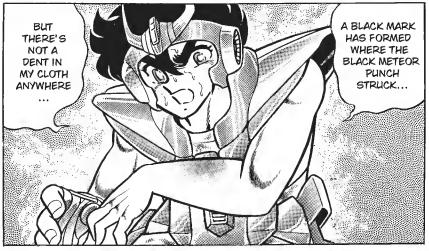






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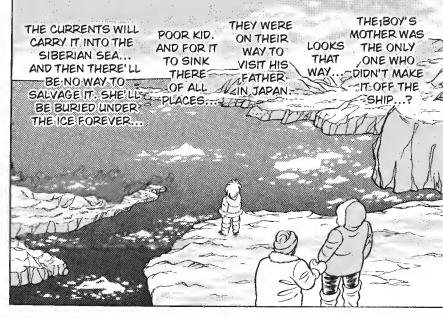








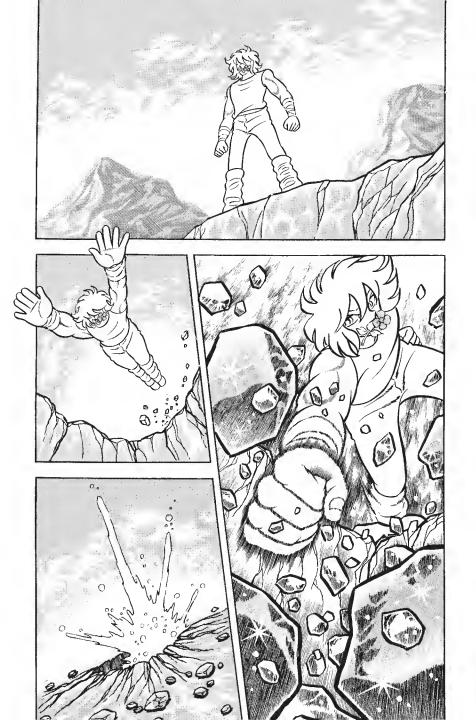


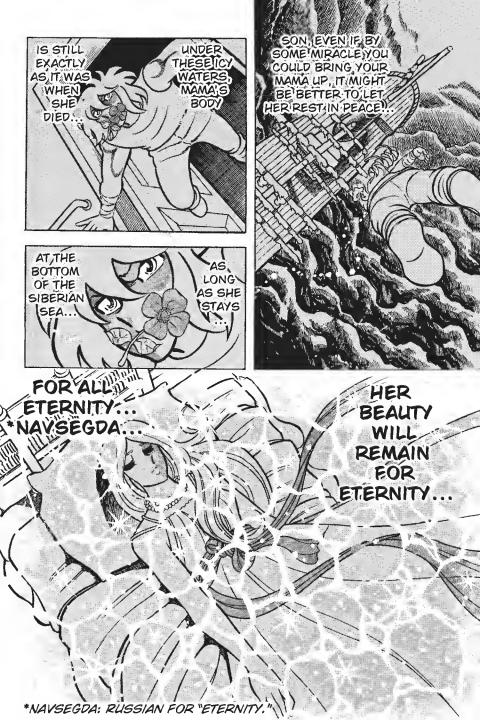




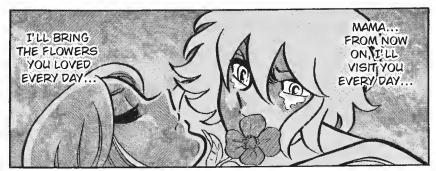






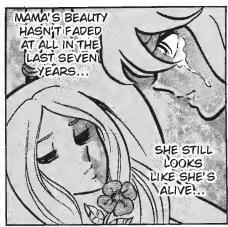






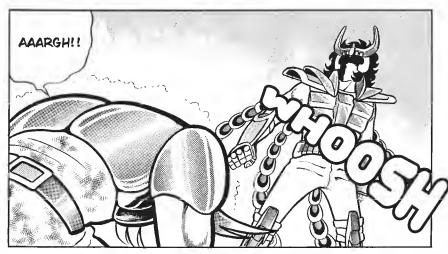












































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THAT YOU

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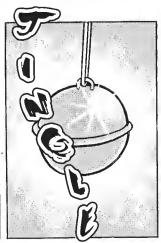










































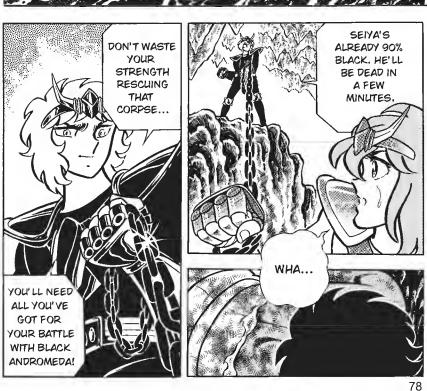




























ALL RIGHT, I'LL DO THAT!















































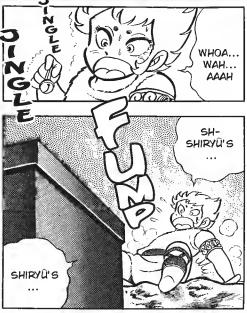
















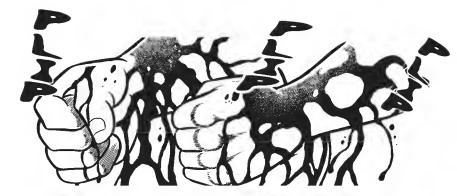


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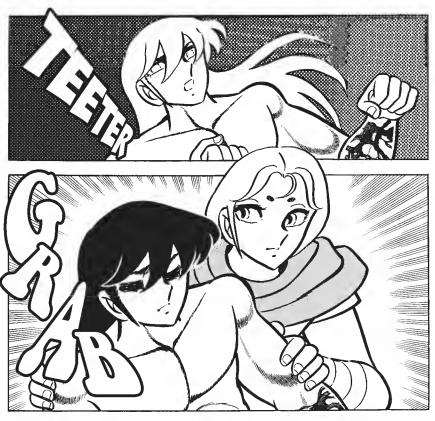








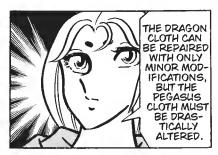




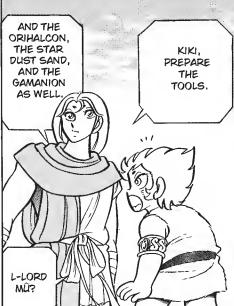


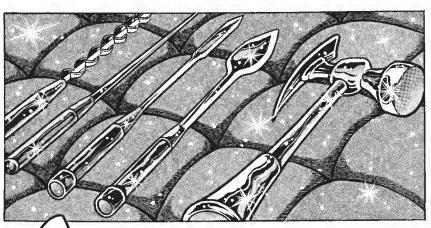










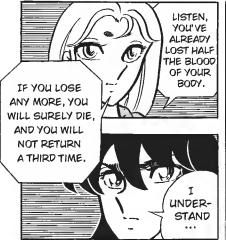


























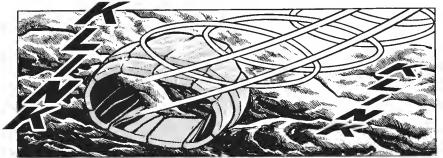




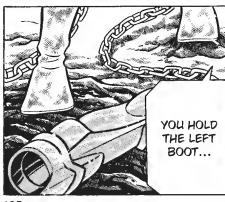


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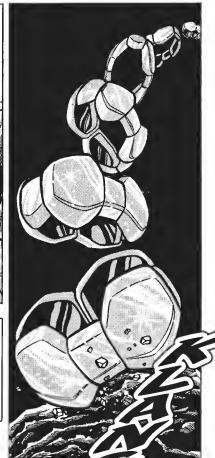








BUT I DOUBT YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT...

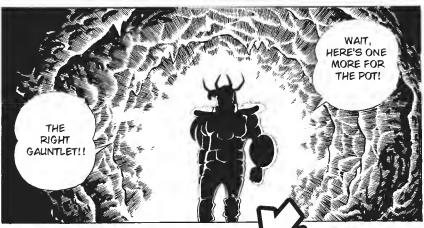






















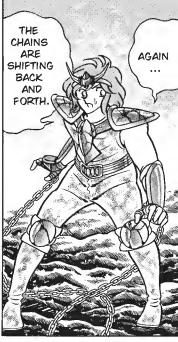
















SHIRYÛ,
I HAVE TO
HURRY-I'LL LEAVE
THE
FIGHTING
TO YOU.



ONE THING, BEWARE OF THE SHADOW DRAGON!



















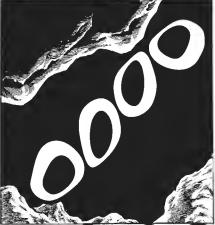






IT WOULDN'T BE SMART TO LET AN INVISIBLE OPPONENT SEE ME.





























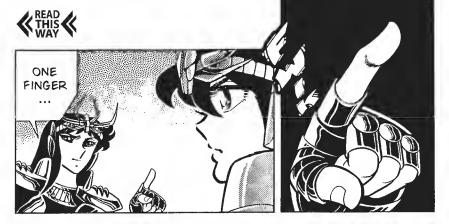


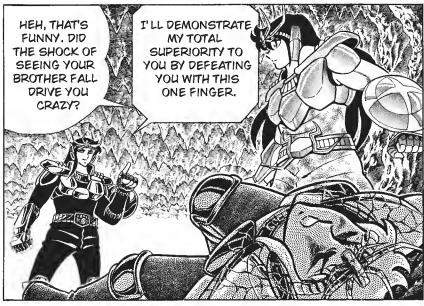




















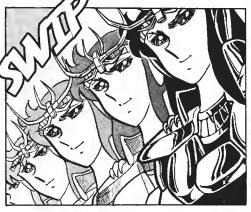








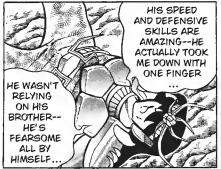






















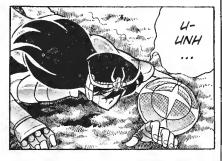








HAVE PLENTY OF TIME LEFT TO FINISH YOU, SHIRYÛ...









ROZAN'S RISING DRAGON BLOW IS...





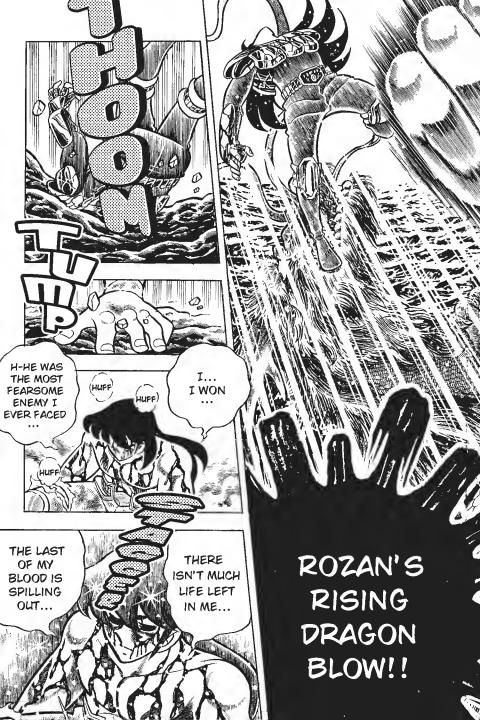














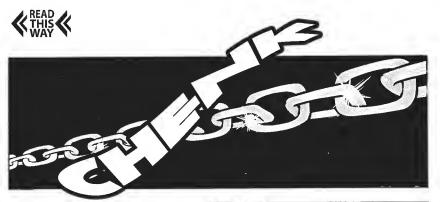












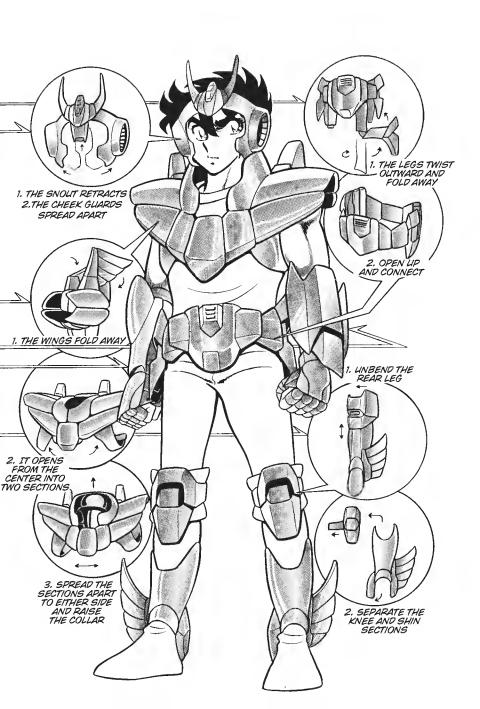




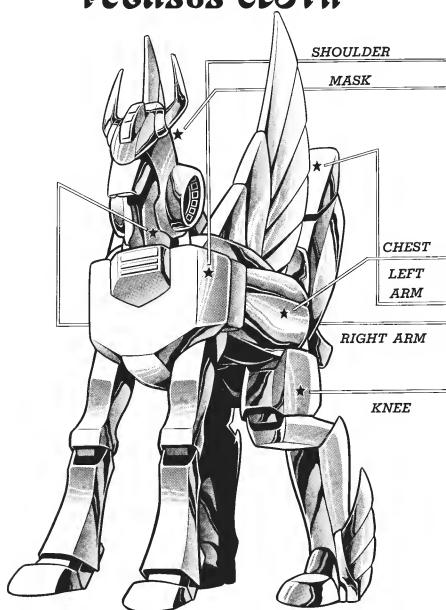




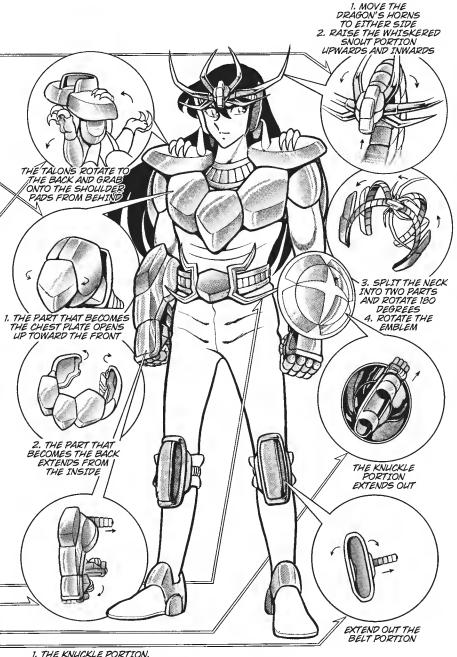




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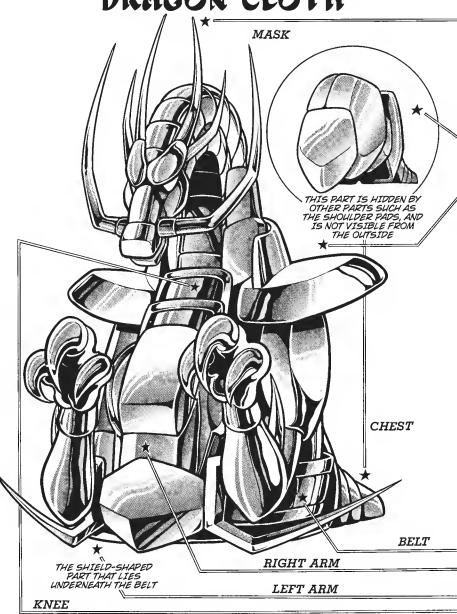


CLOTH BREAKDOWN AND FITTING CHART XI



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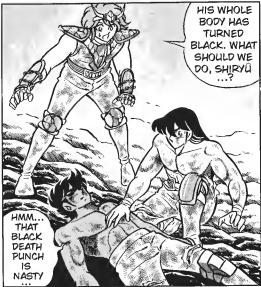


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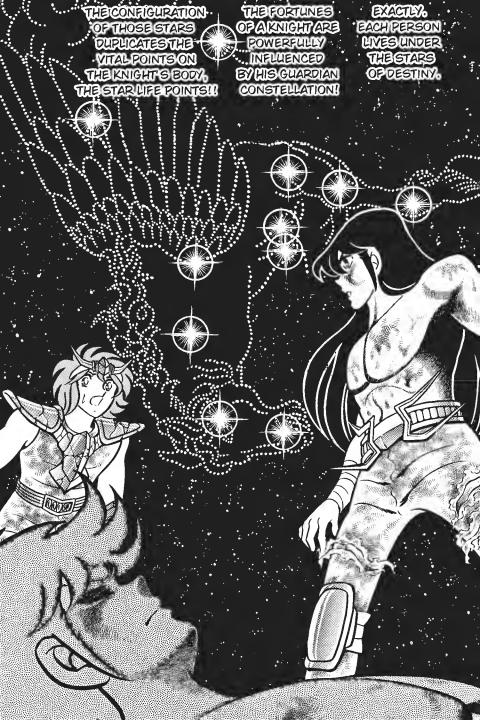














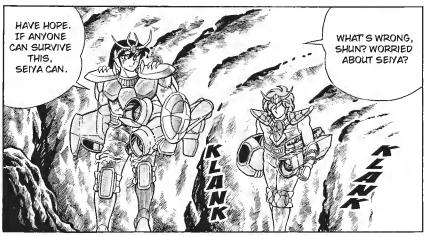


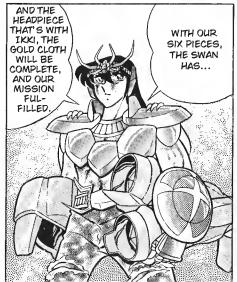






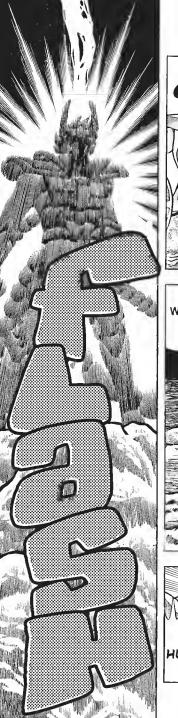
















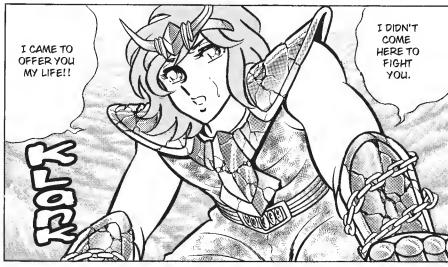
















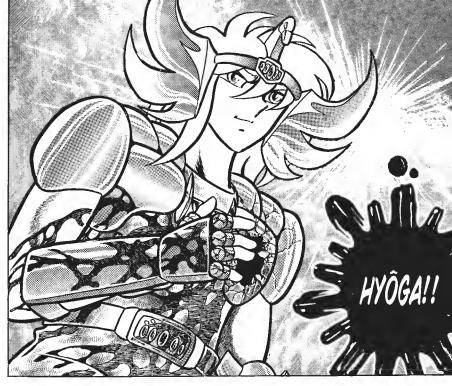






















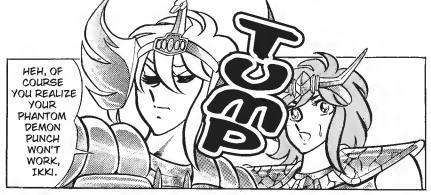










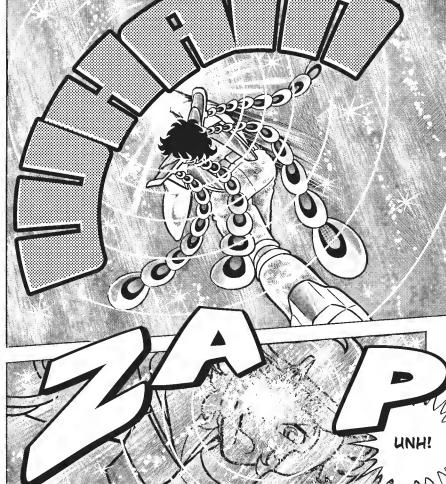




























HATE EVERYTHING









